

HOUSE BILL 147

By McCormick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and  
Title 41, relative to the department of correction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-610, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c) The department of correction may obtain assistance in detection of controlled substances at state correctional facilities from other state agencies and from counties, municipalities and federal agencies as needed.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-1-102, is amended by deleting subdivision (d)(5) in its entirety and substituting in its place the following language:

(5) The department may maintain one or more dogs trained to detect controlled substances and one or more polygraph machines to be utilized for the purposes of implementing the provisions of this subsection.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-1-118, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and adding in its place the following language:

(a) The department may maintain one or more dogs trained to detect controlled substances at correctional facilities in the commissioner's charge.

(b) Such dogs may be used on a regular basis, or at regular times and intervals, to survey inmates and areas inhabited or frequented by inmates in order to locate and detect controlled substances. Such dogs may also be used to check persons and vehicles entering into correctional facilities or their grounds to detect the introduction of controlled substances.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.